## Swearing in of Members.

The following members made the prescribed oath of allegiance to His Highness the Maharaja and then took their seats :—

Mr. R. Dasappa, Reddihalli, Devanhalli Taluk.

Mr. A. M. Channamare Gowda, Patel, Lakshmipura, Nelamangala Taluk.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

### Ragimakalahalli Project.

*Q.*—19. **Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO** (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many times has the subject relating to Ragimakalahalli Project, Bowringpet Taluk, been discussed before this Assembly; and what is the assurance given by Government in the matter;

(*b*) what steps have been taken by Government in this respect?

*A.*—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. R. W. Scaldwell).**—

(*a*) The subject has been discussed in the Assembly three times during the years 1906, 1928 and 1935. Government stated that the representation would receive sympathetic consideration.

(*b*) Alternative estimates for the work have been prepared and are undergoing scrutiny.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—With reference to answer to (*b*), was not an estimate prepared in 1913-14 for about Rs. 75,000?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Yes.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—Was not the contract given to one Mr. K. Ramakrishniah?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Notice.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—What was the result of calling for tenders?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—The project had to be abandoned for technical reasons.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—What happened to the promise given by the Government to the Assembly in 1928?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Subsequently a masonry dam was considered necessary and so the estimate had to be revised. This costs about Rs. 4 lakhs, but the return on cost to Government works to only 1·6 per cent.

**Mr. A. C. MUDDURACHAPPA.**—Did not three Engineers express the opinion that the scheme was feasible?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—It might have been so. But now we find that the return is not adequate.

**Mr. PRESIDENT.**—The return expected is very meagre. Though the raiyats have agreed to an acreage contribution of Rs. 200, the Chief Engineer and the Revenue Commissioner find that the scheme is not practicable.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—May I know how many acres are expected to be irrigated if the project is carried out?

**Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.**—Six hundred and thirty-six acres.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—Are the Government aware that 1,000 acres can be irrigated and granting that an assessment of Rs. 8 per acre is levied, the return to Government will be quite adequate?

**Mr. PRESIDENT.**—Even then, not more than 2 per cent is likely to be realised.

**Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.**—Even if you have a small dam, the return will be considerable. Is it desirable for Government to go back upon their promise in this case?

**Mr. PRESIDENT.**—The very fact that the raiyats have agreed to a contribution of Rs. 200 shows how keen they are about the project. The Revenue Commissioner and the Chief Engineer will re-examine the matter jointly.

### Kare Thorehalla Project.

*Q.*—22. **Messrs. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH and T. TARE GOWDA** (Sira Taluk) **and SYED SHEIK MOHADEEN** (Sira Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) was it not decided and survey made some 10 or 15 years ago to construct a tank across Kare Thorehalla running in the limits of Gowdigere